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“I’m looking out from inside the chaos. It must be a one-way mirror because no one seems to be able to see back inside to where I am. The looks on their faces, the judgment in their eyes, tells me everything I need to know. The most frustrating part about the whole messed up situation is that even though I’m the one that they stare at in shock, I am just as shocked as they are. I know no more than they do of why I lose control. What they don’t know is that I am more scared of myself than they could ever be.” ~ Tally Baker

After a devastating turn of events, seventeen year old Tally Baker is admitted to Mercy Psychiatric Facility where she is diagnosed with Bipolar Disorder. She has come to a place where she honestly believes that her life is over. Her mind tells her that she will never smile or laugh again, that she will never be normal again. It is in this unlikely place that she meets two people, different in every way, yet both critical to helping her realize that she has so much more living to do. Candy, a cantankerous sixty year old Mercy Psychiatric patient, is hell bent on driving everyone as crazy as she is. Candy shows Tally that, regardless of her diagnosis, the ability to push on and live her life to the fullest is her choice and hers alone. In the midst of Tally’s oftentimes humorous, sometimes heart-wrenching, escapades with Candy, a new patient is admitted to Mercy—a Native American woman named Lolotea. Along with this new patient comes a daily visitor, her son, Trey Swift. At first glance, it is obvious to Tally that he is incredibly handsome and unbelievably caring. But what she learns through her second glance, and many thereafter, is that there is much more to Trey than he ever lets on. It is during these daily visits that Trey and Tally build a friendship far deeper than either of them truly realize. With Trey, Tally feels for the first time since being admitted that someone is looking at her as a person and not as a disease. Trey begins to make it clear that he wants more than friendship, but she knows that she can never give him more. How can she, when she won’t even give him the truth? Tally doesn’t tell Trey that she is a patient at Mercy, and she doesn’t ever plan to. Her plans go up in flames when she finds out that Trey is a new student at her school, the school where her brokenness was found out in the floor of the girl’s bathroom in a pool of her own blood.

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## From Reader Review Call Me Crazy for online ebook

### QueenMommy says

Trapped-how would you feel if you were trapped? Would you panic, claw your way out, or cry and quit trying? Now imagine you are trapped in your own mind, how do you get yourself "out" ? People around us everyday may be struggling with this very feeling like our main character Tally. What a story! I was hesitant to read it at first because I wasn't sure what to expect or would it be depressing. Shame on me!!!! Those words could probably be what someone would say about deciding whether to befriend or even talk to someone that may be suffering from mental illness. DO NOT BE AFRAID! Tally taught me so much along with Candy (another character suffering from mental illness). You know a book is outstanding when you walk away NOT ONLY feeling entertained but you LEARN SOMETHING that honestly I think will make me a better person because of it.

Tally suffers from bipolar and you walk beside her on this painful road of coping and dealing with her illness. I found myself cheering her on, holding my breath, and feeling her struggles. That can only happen when you have awesome writing that allows you to dive in so great you wonder, "Is Tally real " and if so I want to find her and give her a big hug. Also keep in mind Tally is a teenager about to enter her Senior year. Think about that one and remember how hard it was to be a teenager? Read how other teenagers treat her, how do her own parents handle Tally, and how she puts one foot in front of the other and returns to school.

Trey, (sigh) oh my, what a guy! Ok, first I have to say that I LOVE that Quinn made him Native American. Yay! There is so much depth to him and he is such an old soul for 18 year old young man. You know how you read characters in books that take a journey and come out the other side changed (usually for the better). Well, with Trey I remember NOT WANTING him to change a bit. He loves with all his heart and what you see is what you get. He is an oak than does not waver. You have to read the book to figure out what I mean and how that relates to Tally and what Trey means to Tally.

I cannot end this review without mentioning another favorite character of "Call Me Crazy" and that is Candy! Oh my, that woman had some one liners that cracked me up! She really was hilarious but yet such a sad person struggling with her illness too. Read and enjoy the friendship between Candy and Tally and the crazy antics that Candy can come up with. One of my favorites is all the names she gives Trey because he is Native American. Hilarious!

Favorite Part-The Epilogue because it ties it all together but also the very last lines from Tally. Then go read the Authors notes at the end and see why Quinn was inspired to write this book. I cried and I am still tearing up writing about it. Quinn, I hope to someday meet you in person! That is definitely a must in my lifetime. You are the sweetest person, talented author who ALWAYS reaches out to your fans, and a inspiration to me. Thank you for this book and sharing with us a part of you! I'm so excited to be a part of your incredible books, bring on the next one! :)

P.S. Excuse me everyone but this is to Quinn. Alpha males rule! You did it again! Don't worry Quinn will understand what I mean. :)

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## **Daphne says**

**Phenomenal book! I learned, laughed and cried** - Quinn Loftis has written a book that touched my heart from the start. This lovely story about Tally an eighteen year old who has been diagnosed with bipolar disorder finds herself in a mental institution and befriends Candy who is a sixty year old with the mouth of a sailor and the spirit of a teenager. Candy is my favorite character she made me cringe with her words and laugh out loud.

Now! I present Trey; Oh my! He is a sexy, tall and muscular Native American. I must say Quinn is the queen of describing Alpha characters. Trey runs into Tally and is intrigued by her and hopes to win her trust knowing she is keeping a secret.

Tally is learning that a support system is what keeps us strong in any situation but she needs to cope with her parents behavior and hopefully allow herself to be loved. Bipolar disorder is a lifelong illness. There is no known “cure” but the support and understanding of love ones and friends such as Natalie will make the path an easier ride. Speaking of Natalie everyone needs a friend like her who took the time to read up on her best friends disorder so they can openly talk about it and she can understand her friend better. High five to all Natalie's in the world.

A touching story that stole my heart. A must read.

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## **Megan Bracken-bagley says**

Moving. Emotional. Astounding! Way to go Quinn!!

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## **Kathryn says**

Not enough stars to show how much I loved this book...

To say that this book is phenomenal still doesn't describe how wonderfully written and put together Call Me Crazy is.

Quinn Loftis has created a masterpiece and that has to mean a lot since I already consider her to be a magnificent author.

But, Call Me Crazy is a tale that when you start on that first page and begin reading Tally's story, you slowly feel the words seeping in to your veins. They travel along, overwhelming your mind and aching your heart, until you reach that last page and know that this book has consumed, captured, and latched on to the very fabrics of who you are. It is now a piece of me. Every time I think back to it, I FEEEEEEL it in my heart and soul. It is on the special bookshelf that you have set inside that will forever be a part of you.

So, lets meet the wonderful cast of Call Me Crazy. First up is Tally. WOW!! No matter what we see and hear in her thoughts, her actions prove the strength that she has. She is dealt such a harsh hand in life and to see her fight and overcome those battles, I would do those victory dances right along with her. My heart ached, fluttered, and burst for her on so many levels. She is a character that I could never get enough of reading about...

Next we meet Candy...Oh goodness...was she a joy to read about. A sixty something year old woman that says what is on her mind and yet imparts so much wisdom at the same time. What she did for Tally and who she was for Tally is something special that we only hope to find in our everyday lives.

On to the hot love interest of this fabulous book...Yep...he is wonderful too!! Meet Trey...Native American, kind, hard-working, compassionate, and most of all, understanding. WHEW...he stole my heart. He was exactly the right guy for Tally. And boy was he patient...their relationship was not easy and yet it was perfect for them.

\*Sighs\* All I can say now is that I hope you take a chance and experience the journey of Tally in Call Me Crazy. Mind blowing, gut-wrenching, passionate, and \*chuckles\* downright humorous at times, Call Me Crazy is a MUST READ for 2013.

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### **Three Chicks says**

Call Me Crazy is a beautiful, yet heart breaking story of a young girl who has recently been diagnosed with Bipolar Disorder. It is about her struggle to live and how she needs to learn how to control the disease and not let it control her.

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Trey is visiting his mother at the same hospital that Tally is a patient at. Trey is completely drawn to Tally when he first meets her and has every intention getting to know her and of making her HIS. When Tally is with Trey she feels alive, and safe and not so broken, but she refuses to tell him the truth. That she is a patient and not just a visitor like she lead him to believe. Tally figures that when her time at the hospital is over she can just walk away and Trey will never have to know the truth. But it's not that simple. Especially when she finds out that Trey will be attending the same school as her in the fall. Trey learns about the incident that the whole school has been talking about, he learns that Tally has Bipolar Disorder and was really a patient. But The amazing thing about Trey is that he didn't care. He loved Tally, he wanted to be there for her to help her and protect her. But regardless of the fact that Tally has feelings for Trey, she feels broken and not deserving of Trey's love. Will Tally be able to let Trey in, let him love her and find happiness?

"I will spend the rest of our lives reminding you, that you may have bipolar disorder, but it does not have you. It cannot have you because I have claimed you and I don't share." ~ Trey

Quinn Loftis did such an amazing job with the character development and connection that you feel for these characters. I felt the emotions right along with Tally. I wanted her to come out on top and fight it and most of

all I wanted her to find her happiness, to realize that she can fight the disease and learn to live. I felt the pain and fear as she struggled day to day. The supporting characters were so amazing and a great support system for Tally. Candy, one of the other patients, was a sassy, feisty, witty older woman who was always there for Tally. Her best friend Natalie loved her no matter what and never treated her like she was broken or different. She wanted things to be the way they always were. Then there is Trey who I loved. He is simply amazing and I love the way he wants to take care of her and protect her. Everyone needs a Trey in their life. He has his own issues with his mom and I think in a way he needed Tally just as much as she needs him. He is willing to fight with her and for her and for that you can't help but fall in love with him.

"She is mine. She always has been, but now she has admitted it. With all the darkness and ugliness in my world, all my pain, and anger, she is my sun."

Call Me Crazy was an emotional roller coaster that was written in such a way that you felt every emotion the character went through. Tally's story was so real and raw and genuine. It is a heart wrenching story of a young girl's struggles with bi-polar disorder. Leaning how to not feel broken, how to love yourself, let others love you and to learn how to live. Tally was an amazing a strong heroine. There were moments and situations that occurred that I believe were very defining moments in Tally's struggle and watching her go through them will break your heart. But she is strong and is a fighter. This was a beautifully written story that will touch your heart. I am not sure that my words can really do this book justice, but I have to say that Call Me Crazy is a must read. Any book that can cause you to feel the emotions right along with the character, to feel that connection with them and to simply fall in love with them is an amazing book. The ending was fantastic and the last line brought tears to my eyes. Quinn Loftis you did an amazing job with Tally's story!

"I know that I am the one in control of this disease. I know that I am not in this alone."

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### **Cathlin says**

Fan-flipping-tastic! I will admit, that I was a little apprehensive of this one. Seeing as I'm a HUGE fan of the Grey Wolves series and loved Elfin, I just didn't know what to expect with a realistic fiction read from Ms. Loftis, but man oh man did she deliver!

The story is about Tally, a girl who is recently had a rough go of things and is in a psychiatric facility where they diagnose her with bipolar disorder. The reader watches as Tally comes to terms with her disease and runs into some interesting characters along the way, including Candy (who could be a crazy aunt to Jenn from Grey Wolves) who provides a lot of comic relief to a much needed tragic story. She also meets Trey Swift, whose mom has schizophrenia. Tally just wants to be seen as normal by someone so she decides to pretend she's just visiting her crazy aunt at the facility, instead of being a patient herself...you can see where this may lead to problems for Tally.

I love, love, love Tally. I wanted to just wrap her in my arms and help her get through everything. While I have not experienced bipolar disorder first hand, I have seen it up close through friends and relatives, so I could only imagine that they must have felt as Tally did at times. My heart broke for her to see her struggle, and rejoiced when she found someone to love her through it all.

Now, Trey Swift (insert long romantic sigh here)...I think he has stolen a top book boyfriend slot up there with Will Cooper, Dean Holder, Lucas Maxfield, and Travis Maddox. Break me off a piece of that Native

American hotness...and his devotion is soooo freakin adorable.

That being said, as usual, Ms. Loftis does an amazing job of wrapping in some minor characters who are supportive, humorous, and wonderful. I laughed, I cried, and I sighed..it was tragic and beautiful all at the same time. So, what are you waiting for?! Read it now!

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### **Tara Allman says**

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Talley is in a mental hospital and diagnosed with bipolar disorder. She describes herself and progress during inpatient treatment with a poem:

“I am broken, but my pieces have been placed back where they belong.  
I am a jumbled mess of notes, but they are slowly becoming a song.  
I am a torn quilt, but the needle has been threaded to mend the frayed seam.  
I am a dull piece of pottery, but the glaze is being added to create the gleam.  
I am in this tired and worn body, though I thought that I was lost,  
To finally begin to be repaired is good, but it wasn’t worth the cost.  
I don’t want to dance too much, smile too wide, or laugh too hard.  
I’ve been dealt a new hand and I’m waiting on that one bad card.”

Talley has one best friend Natalie who is loyal and sticks by her through thick and thin. Talley’s other friend is Candy, a patient at the mental hospital. Candy is “cantankerous and mischievous. She loved trouble and sought it out as often as possible. She loved to annoy those around her and lived to drive the crazies even crazier.” Candy is witty and full of words of wisdom, when she allowed herself to be serious! Candy and Natalie help Talley to see that she has hope and she is not completely broken.

While Talley is in the hospital she meets Trey. Trey’s mother is losing her battle with Schizophrenia. Talley hides the fact that she is a patient from Trey because Talley believes that since she has bipolar that she is unable to be loved. Trey unknowingly helps Talley to reach her goals to be discharged from the hospital. She is now free to finish her senior year of High School. The only problem is Talley’s secret is all over school and she becomes the target of fear and ignorance. Trey realizes that his Talley, is the target and he rushes to find her. He is determined to prove to Talley she is worthy of love, and he will stop a nothing to prove to her that he is her destiny.

I really enjoyed reading this book. I laughed, I cried, and I was reminded that mental illness is not something to be afraid of. Mental illness is not something that rules the person if they do what they need to, it is something that can be controlled with medication, therapy and mainly a positive support system!

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### **Roxanne says**

In this review, I’m going to be honest. I never really had any concern with other disorders and medical conditions, so I started this book extremely wary. I guess I dealt as if Call Me Crazy would never match Grey Wolves in its power, sardonic and witty humor, and it’s moving storyline. And let me tell ya, I missed

the mark by a mile! This book was absolutely fantastic in every way I can share with words alone. Bipolar disease is not exactly well known, but extremely real. And it took this book to open my eyes to the struggle those who have it go through. I finished this book in roughly 16 hours of on and off reading time, and I've enjoyed every second of it! Thanks for heart-stopping read!

Song Choice:

Crazy Love

Michael Buble'

:D I couldn't have picked a better one for this book

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## Iris says

A lot of people love this book. Clearly I have a very different opinion. There's an extreme lack of reviews from the small amount of people also didn't like this book, so I want to shed some light on why Call Me Crazy may not be appealing to some. I'm very specific as to why I've given it a low rating. (1.5 stars, because it wasn't intolerable.)

Right away, this book began ticking off things on my DNF checklist.

### **Characters repeatedly described on first sight, like this super-important desk clerk:**

*"The bright pink lipstick painted across her narrow mouth is slightly smudged and the blush on her cheeks makes the rest of her aged face appear pale with a greyish hue. She looks up at me and smiles. It's a sweet smile, even if the teeth she reveals are crooked and yellow with age. There is a gentleness in her eyes that reveals the kind spirit encased inside."*

Great. So glad I got a full-body description. I'm probs not going to see this character again, either because she's as trivial as I think she is or I'm going to stop reading.

### **Protagonist predictably falls for first character of the opposite sex introduced in the story.**

Insta-love. Uck. The very worst kind of love. Or, *"lust at first sight"* as Candy so eloquently phrased it. You can call it anything you want. The name changes nothing.

And on the subject of romance, wow, Trey is just so devoted. And sensitive. So, SO sensitive. All this talk about hair and birds and trees and hair and spirits and hair. Gosh, hmm. Gee. Is Trey going to be a foil to Tally, his gentleness and devotion soothing her aggression, teaching her she can love others, but most importantly herself? Gag me. \*Didn't read ahead. Did I get it right?

### **Both the characters, despite being different genders, speak exactly the same.**

I'm going to harp on Trey again.

Trey. Oh, Trey. I was only a few pages into your first chapter and I already knew I couldn't stand you.

Trey speaks like a woman. Or a teenage girl. He knows fashion history:

*"Her white HAIR is twisted in a tight bun and she wears thick glasses with pointed ends, vintage 1950, I'm betting."*

You're betting?! How is it that you know the precise decade these glasses were fashionable in??? You should not know the date, Trey.

Even more troubling is his obsession with hair.

*"Her long dark HAIR, peppered with silver, is done in a braid and lies over her shoulder, the wisps that have escaped frame her troubled face."*

*"I turn my head, only to catch a glimpse of short pink-streaked blond HAIR dropping below the table as the owner of the hair kneels down."*

*"I am intrigued by the behavior, not to mention the HAIR."*

^Fun fact. These three sentences can be located in the same paragraph. Obviously a hairy situation.

But Trey doesn't just talk about other people's hair, either.

*"While I usually keep [my HAIR] in the same traditional single braid down my back, I haven't bothered with it this morning."*

OKAY. Umm, gay much? Cuz you're showing the signs, my friend. This hair fetish, your absurd habit of describing every tiny detail of strangers' clothing and styles... seems to me like you have some major self-discovering to do. And here's another thing: straight guys don't think of their trucks as ugly, no matter how beat-up their trucks may be. That's like a girl thinking a record-size booger is "pretty sweet." Straight guys might think their beat-up trucks are "kinda shitty," or, if they're more poetic \*cough\* \*Trey\*, "a junker." Any straight guy I've met DOES NOT think like Trey, regardless of how kind and sensitive they may be.

**Character is out of character....Check.**

And look, I appreciate that Trey was Native American, but it became a cop-out. The whole uber-sensitive, overbearing, overprotective act wasn't doing it for me. Jesus. The guy was basically Tonto crossed with the Terminator. I love to see male love interests who aren't white, but Trey's ethnicity was forcing me to ponder questions like: Are all Native Americans this possessive of "their" women? Why did Trey have to be Native American in order to see who Tally is on the inside? Can white guys not be sensitive? Do men have to be Native American in order to be sensitive? Are all Native Americans this sensitive? How many times can I type sensitive without throwing up? **Diverse character is stereotyped...Check.**

**Older male character develops interest in younger, female character for no good reason and sees just how "special" she is on the inside...Check, check, check.**

**Also, Tally's whole reasoning behind pretending she's not a patient at Mercy so Trey won't judge her is a total farce.**

1. You saw him look in your direction the very first time he came here. You KNOW he saw you here, and unless he's a complete moron with no ability to think for himself, he's going to be suspicious of your obviously fake story. Just tell the truth.

2. Trey has a schizophrenic mother he comes to visit everyday and obviously loves despite her mental illness. Pretty sure he's not gonna judge you for being bipolar.

Girlfriend. I thought you were moody, not stupid. I'm not going to read a story about a relationship being built around this cop-out nonsense. **Cliche conflicts caused by Character A lying to Character B so B will like A better...Check.**

Call me crazy, but I don't feel for Tally. At all. I don't have bipolar disorder, nor do I have experience with anyone who has bipolar disorder. Naturally I'm going to have more trouble connecting to her because I can't relate, and even though I really wanted to, nothing in the way her situation was described MADE me relate. Like, I wasn't shattered by Tally's roiling depth of emotion (where was it? she was only ever just angry, angsty, or horny) or the tragic circumstances (tragic is subjective) that led to her being admitted to Mercy. I want to FEEL this character's situation. I want to wear her shoes and walk in them, have her struggles dumped over my head like water until I'm practically drowning like she was, and I can understand. Convince

me of Tally's awful situation until I have no choice but to understand. But everything was only told through Tally's ever-sarcastic tone, or Trey's cryptic "...in that very brief moment I see a glimpse of the depth of emotion Tally carries deep inside" after he'd JUST MET HER, and I didn't feel anything. It wasn't real to me. I couldn't understand, nor could I bring myself to care.

The book's not awful. There's humorous bits. The characters are fairly interesting. Take Candy, for example. It's not every book that the main character has a 60-year-old women as a friend, let alone one who's nutty and not the cliché, wise voice/guiding force in their life. Plus her racism is so ridiculous it became amusing.

Obviously other people like this book, so maybe I'm just a raving beotch when I say this is such an amateur novel. But even if I am, I still think it's accurate to say this book does not appeal to "any age or gender." Granted there's mature content with swearing and mental illnesses and sexual innuendos (thanks Candy), but based on the writing style and character/plot development, I'd say 14 and under seems about right for a target age range.

The thing is, I love kids books. My shelves are full of them and even though I haven't read them in years, I remember them well enough to give ratings. Writing a moving book geared towards pre-teens IS possible; I'd be the first to know. But this isn't one. Not to me. A shame, because I truly thought it had potential. I've never read a book about mental illness like this, aside from Kelley Armstrong's The Summoning, and even then the illnesses turned out not to be illnesses at all. Call Me Crazy is assuredly a unique novel to some, but its clichés and unrealistic romance majorly bring it down.

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### **Jen says**

Wow! I don't know what to say about this book :)  
It was great - it was everything I thought it would be.

Tally is in a dark place - she doesn't know why she feels so depressed, angry, and frustrated. but she can't help it. She doesn't want to feel this way, but it just makes her more angry when she tries to think about it too long.

It's when she's in class and her teacher starts harassing her, when she finally blows.

Now Tally is in a psych ward, and she's trying to get better. The medication starts to help and she's able to manage her moods a little better.

Especially when she's around Candy - her best friend other than Nat, but Candy's on the inside of the Psych ward, and knows how to have fun. I love Candy! She's a 60 year old woman who loves to play pranks with the crazy people - she's hilarious! and always causing trouble.

Candy knows just about everything in the place, and when a new woman is brought in, they decide to go check it out.

Trey is a Native American. He's a great guy, brought up to know how to lead, and love and protect with everything he has in him.

When his mom is brought into the new psych ward, he spends as much time with her as he can. Outside of

taking care of his grandmother and working hard on a ranch, Trey has grown up earlier than he needs to.

When he goes to visit his mom on her first day there, he sees the pink streaked hair girl diving under the table, and doesn't come back up..

lol Their chemistry is instant and with Trey being so in-tuned with his spirit, he knows right away that the connection with Telly is strong and he will spend his life keeping her happy.

The only thing wrong, is Telly doesn't want Trey to know she's broken. That she'll never be whole, so when she bumps into Trey for the first time , she decided right then and there to tell him that she's visiting her crazy great Aunt Candy.

Trey can see that Candy belongs in the psych ward, but is really more interested in getting to know Telly. They talk, and have a great time.

And when Telly is about ready to be released in order to start her senior year, she decides to break things off with Trey before he learns that she's really a big mess.

Trey doesn't take the news well and is determined to fight for Telly.

When School finally starts, and Trey learns that Telly is in the same school, and all the gossip and mean things are directed at Telly from last year's break down, and he knew right then and there that Telly was his, and he would do anything to make sure she never felt like that again.

This story was great - I really enjoyed the reading. I learned a few things about the Disease that I didn't know before. I was really impressed with the way the story was told by Telly and Trey. You could really feel their emotions brewing. You can feel the highs and the lows.

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### **Meagan says**

Okay so I gotta say Quinn Loftis is in my top ten favorite authors, meaning I have yet to read something of hers I didn't love! This book is much different from her others, being it is set in real life, but gosh it was so good! At first I wasn't sure with the main character being bipolar, how was she going to cope? Would it end up being depressing? Well it was far from depressing, it was funny, beautiful, and sweet. I give it five stars and a gallon of ice cream! Enjoy fellow book lovers!

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### **Jennifer says**

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Trey is visiting his mother at the same hospital that Tally is a patient at. Trey is completely drawn to Tally when he first meets her and has every intention getting to know her and of making her HIS. When Tally is with Trey she feels alive, and safe and not so broken, but she refuses to tell him the truth. That she is a patient and not just a visitor like she lead him to believe. Tally figures that when her time at the hospital is over she can just walk away and Trey will never have to know the truth. But it's not that simple. Especially when she finds out that Trey will be attending the same school as her in the fall. Trey learns about the incident that the whole school has been talking about, he learns that Tally has Bipolar Disorder and was really a patient. But The amazing thing about Trey is that he didn't care. He loved Tally, he wanted to be there for her to help her and protect her. But regardless of the fact that Tally has feelings for Trey, she feels broken and not deserving of Trey's love. Will Tally be able to let Trey in, let him love her and find happiness?

"I will spend the rest of our lives reminding you, that you may have bipolar disorder, but it does not have you. It cannot have you because I have claimed you and I don't share." ~ Trey

Quinn Loftis did such an amazing job with the character development and connection that you feel for these characters. I felt the emotions right along with Tally. I wanted her to come out on top and fight it and most of all I wanted her to find her happiness, to realize that she can fight the disease and learn to live. I felt the pain and fear as she struggled day to day. The supporting characters were so amazing and a great support system for Tally. Candy, one of the other patients, was a sassy, feisty, witty older woman who was always there for Tally. Her best friend Natalie loved her no matter what and never treated her like she was broken or different. She wanted things to be the way they always were. Then there is Trey who I loved. He is simply amazing and I love the way he wants to take care of her and protect her. Everyone needs a Trey in their life. He has his own issues with his mom and I think in a way he needed Tally just as much as she needs him. He is willing to fight with her and for her and for that you can't help but fall in love with him.

"She is mine. She always has been, but now she has admitted it. With all the darkness and ugliness in my world, all my pain, and anger, she is my sun."

Call Me Crazy was an emotional roller coaster that was written in such a way that you felt every emotion the character went through. Tally's story was so real and raw and genuine. It is a heart wrenching story of a young girl's struggles with bi-polar disorder. Leaning how to not feel broken, how to love yourself, let others love you and to learn how to live. Tally was an amazing a strong heroine. There were moments and situations that occurred that I believe were very defining moments in Tally's struggle and watching her go through them will break your heart. But she is strong and is a fighter. This was a beautifully written story that will touch your heart. I am not sure that my words can really do this book justice, but I have to say that Call Me Crazy is a must read. Any book that can cause you to feel the emotions right along with the character, to feel that connection with them and to simply fall in love with them is an amazing book. The

ending was fantastic and the last line brought tears to my eyes. Quinn Loftis you did an amazing job with Tally's story!

"I know that I am the one in control of this disease. I know that I am not in this alone."

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### **Becca says**

"Once you go Quinn you ever go back..." that is the saying right? I am pretty sure that I am right about this. Well usually i am right about most things, sorry i do like to gloat ;). ANYWAYS! As a predominantly paranormal/fantasy/scifi slowly opening up to more contemporary fiction, I had to read this because I mean its Quinn, come on guys, Quinn freaking Loftis (now i am mixing slangs...oops! for those who have read the Mythos Academy books) ANYWAYS! moving on...

Song choice... song choice... God i have been WAITING FOREVER TO bust this one out because it happens to be one of my most favoritest songs ever! "Wash." by Bon Iver, now if you actually look up the lyrics you'd like what the fu....dge..... but its the tone, and movement of the song. "Drunk Again" by Reel Big Fish...and not its not about an alcoholic! "Where is my Mind?" by the Pixies, annnnnnddd i am going to throw this one in there though i haven't obsessively listened to this song so i am not 100% sure if it works completely with this book "Just Give Me A Reason" by Pink (featuring the guy from Fun/the Format/Nate Ruess)

First thoughts: I thought that this was very Quinn style, that awesome mix of humor, lighthearted-ness with very serious, powerful moments. The reason it dropped a star for me though I suppose is that at times it was like i was waiting tooo long for the other shoe to drop, but honestly i blame that entirely on myself because i like things to keep moving, never stopping, just go go go go go go go go, too many go's? mayhaps. But when the other shoe dropped, damn did it drop. But while i know just a bit about bipolar disorder, i don't actually have any friends with this disorder, nor am i close to anyone in my family that does have it that is a personal story i will keep all to myself thank you, anyways i know just a bit about it because when i started college oh i don't know three years ago i fancied myself being a psych major for two seconds, and i mean seriously, what college kid doesn't? so anyways from what i remember, from a class three years ago Quinn hit it spot on, and I really do think that for someone with limited experience with it like me that she did a really good job with it, explaining both sides of the bipolar disorder, and refraining from the stereotype that i labelled on my grandmother's cat who seriously was all happy for two seconds then wanted to claw your eyes out the next, but i think that is how all cats are... i like dogs. i am getting off topic again dammit. Alright so Quinn's research of the disorder, two thumbs up, i'd give you more but i only have to thumbs, if i was an alien i am sure i would be giving you 10 thumbs up.

Plot: So like i mentioned in my first thoughts where i started to ramble on and on and on, that there were points i was just waiting for something to happen but again that is me, i understand that there are times that there needs to be the calm. but what i did really like is that the moments with Tally who has the bipolar disorder is that its subtle done with her emotions you don't really realize that you are spiraling downwards with Tally until its too late and suddenly you are stuck in emotions that are holding you completely down. Its hard to recognize the little changes, which is one of the things that i loved about this book it was very subtle, and not so abrasive with the change of emotions like most people would assume this disorder works, now i am not going to be pretend to be an expert like i said before i don't have any friends with this disorder and i am not close to anyone in my family that does have it. So all i have is what Quinn gave me, and the little

knowledge i have from a psych class i took in high school and in college. i am not a psych major so again i am not going to pretend to know more than i do. I like that this was in the POV of both Tally and Trey. I think that this gave it a better perspective on the outside, because honestly Tally is not the most reliable narrator, when i say that i mean can we truly trust everything she says or does, no because she doesn't even trust what she does. Well done Quinn, well done ;). Anyways! There are a few predictable moments but its not any less painful to experience. This is a lot to take in, and while there is humor there, and the lighthearted characters there is a lot of pain and stress too.

Characters:

Tally: Like i mentioned not the most reliable MC ever but she was very well written and very likable in the sense that you wanted to kill her. I like how she was portrayed as much as you wanted to go in and punch her in the face and be like you deserve this, why can't you see that?! while shaking her mind you. You know that its not so much her, her but her dealing with a disorder she just got diagnosed with, this isn't something she has been coping with for years and she knows how to deal, she is learning as she goes. So bare with her, she is learning just like we are. Its hard to be in her mind sometimes because you really do want to yell and scream but it won't do any good. She was written so that you can understand how her mind works not so that you can be like yeah she is totally awesome, and kickass, and nothing can touch her. Well peeps, we are all human on some basic level and we all have flaws so deal. Tally is ;)

Trey: I liked him a lot too because while he is a sex-God....what.... i didn't say that... that is totally wrong...wait no its not he is 18 he is legal! YUP he is a sex-God. bwhahaha, anyways! While he is a sex-god, and like dream man he also has his flaws. He as a bit of a tempter and my god was that sexy as hell as long as its directed at someone else. He is very protective, if you have read Quinn's Prince of Wolves series then well he would fit in perfectly with Fane, Dec, Costin (day dreams about him for about 20 minutes....) kay side-tracked again! So he is protective, kickass, and a total sweetheart. He does honest to god care about Tally and i am convinced this man isn't real, even fiction real he is almost tooo perfect ;).

Candy: While there were moments i was like are you sure your name is not Jen (Grey Wolf Series) she did differ from her as well. I really liked Candy and i thought she was an excellent supporting character and she did a lot to help Tally.

Tally parents: um hated them for the first half of the book, i was surprised her mom was the first to turn to the dark side and actually you know start playing attention to her daughter, and i am still unsure on how i feel about her father, i don't really like him to be honest.

So the ending, it was a good ending, while it was happy its not going to be the perfect happy ending where bipolar disorder has a sudden cure or anything but it was a good ending. And we will breathe, have a good day, do a victory dance and try again for the same the next day.

Kay so usually i try to be really witty and fun at this part buuuuttt i have been getting lazy about it sooooo there is this thing i do with a friend, a blog thing. where you can find my review on the last prince of wolves' book, and elfin by Quinn or many other books by other awesome indie authors, so come check us out, my friend is the one that usually does the contemporary fiction. so stop by leave us a comment if you want, or totally disregard this part and move on... oh look a link to the blog! <http://theviolethourbookreviews.wordpress.com>

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## **Nina says**

First off, I didn't know that Quinn has a Bipolar Disorder. I didn't know until I finished the book. I was left breathless because all throughout while I was reading, I felt Tally. It was such an amazing yet a painful read.

Everything that happened in Call Me Crazy felt so real. No kidding. I signed-up for this book tour since I've been wanting to read books with characters who have BPD. I was caught off guard because everything that Quinn had written was so true. Especially when Tally was having attacks. I know because I have a very close friend who has sort-of BPD and my friend wrote me letters containing almost everything that came inside her head. It sort of became a defense so that she wouldn't really burst out. And man, those letters made me cry. I felt so helpless as a friend. I know my words weren't enough to be much of comfort. She was so scared but I still did my best to convince her to seek professional help. My friend was diagnosed with mild BPD. She told me that the psychiatrist told her that her condition is just mild and still not really BPD. With therapies and meds, she'll be okay. She went to therapies and took meds. She became okay. But there were times when I know she just can't help it. She becomes paranoid all of a sudden. The worst was when she thought of actually jumping off from her condo unit which is like 16 floors high. Goodness, when she sent me a message saying how it's just easy to jump off from there and everything will go away. It's just so painful to see that someone undergo that kind of pain. It's unnerving because I can't do something to help her. Although I always do my best to ease her with words and love. Right now, she's fine. Even though I don't really know because she's in a foreign country having her internship and God, everyday I pray that she'll be fine. Please pray for her too?

Alright, back to the review. I'm sorry but I cannot just go on without talking about her. And really, there are not enough words to express how much I love Call Me Crazy. EVERYONE NEED TO READ THIS. So that everyone will have a feel of how it is to have this disorder. Even if it will not suffice to what people who have BDP really feels. So that everyone will know that is it not f\*\*\*ing easy. So that everyone will know how to accept people who have this disorder and even those who have other mental illnesses. So that everyone will learn how to respect them.

Of course, people who have BPD need to read this. Not to be depressed. But to know and believe that there's hope, you know? That someone out there is willing to be with you. That's what Trey made me feel. That guy! I pray that every girl will meet her Trey. Trey really has an old soul!

Another thing that made it so real, Tally's parents and her schoolmates. God, I've never been so mad. I want to punch and kick them. Tally's classmates were obviously that naive and stupid. But I can't accept Tally's parents. They were the adults. Damn. How can they do that? They're true, you know. These people inhabit our world. May God just bless them.

Oh, I wouldn't even forget to mention Tally of course. I absolutely love Tally. She is a brave young lady. I just totally felt her. I know there are a lot of Tallys in this world. I really hope and pray that they'll see the light. I can't even remember how many times Tally made me cry. The feels I have when she was having her attacks. The pain shot through my skin up until my soul. That's a lot, I guess.

I actually agree with Quinn's answer for the 2nd-to-the-last question. Most of the mental illnesses have shown difference on the brain structure of the normal ones. I've seen some honestly. It's just so amazing in a way, not that people have disorders. I mean, like how can just a tiny little piece of this tissue or other part of the brain will be displaced or deleted then everything changes. Even the smallest things can bear the biggest change in us.

I know this isn't much of a review. It's just that, there are no words to properly review this. It's just so real. You have to read it to experience it.

Call Me Crazy is like a journal of sort. You'll get to experience a reality like no other. It will be painful, yes, but that's part of the reality. Especially the ones who have Bipolar Disorder. I really do hope that everyone will read this. Because it's an amazing book that can teach you a lot of things.

P.S. I'd like to thank Quinn Loftis for writing this. Even if I know it was hard, she did it. Congratulations, lovely lady! You are truly an inspiration to everyone out there.

*Originally posted at The Bookish Confections*

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### **Alise (Readers in Wonderland) says**

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One of my biggest praises for this novel would be the way Tally's Bipolar Disorder was treated. I found the representation to be very true to reality, and I really felt her frustrations with her disorder and could relate since I, myself, have anxiety issues.

Tally Baker is spending the last month of the summer before her senior year being treated for Bipolar Disorder in a mental facility. She has been recovering, but when a boy named Trey finds himself there visiting a family member, he becomes the last step in Tally's journey to heal herself.

The romance was very cute but unfortunately it progressed very fast, with love being declared within a week. I am a fan of letting relationships develop slow and over time. There was a great twist with Trey not knowing Tally was a patient at the hospital and I enjoyed watching Tally try to dance around the truth.

The characters' personalities took some major adjusting to, and I had to frequently remind myself that one was over sixty years old when she sounded more like fifteen. It was a bit off-putting, but reminded me of the way Jennifer Armentrout writes her characters: with humor and personality.

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If you are a fan of fun contemporary novels with depth, check this out!

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